

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
March 09, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by John Keshick III, Commissioner

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III; Treasurer, Phil Harmon and Secretary, William McNamara.

1 Vacant Position

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Max Field; Inland Fishery Biologist, Bill Parsons; Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne

Absent: Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima;

Guests: Gerald Chingwa, LTBB Tribal Councilor; James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Lucas Evans, Great Lakes Policy Specialist; Melvin Kiogima, LTBB Tribal Councilor; Nancy Kiogima; Dexter McNamara, LTBB Vice-Chairman; Charles Schofield;

Public Comment: Opened 6:11 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:12 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to adopt the agenda as amended, William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (D. Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of February 23, 2011.

6:18 p.m. Daugherty Johnson III arrived.

6:19 p.m. James Bransky arrived.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2011, as corrected, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; supports.

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Natural Resource Director's Report – Douglas W. Craven, Director

- Moose meeting scheduled for March 30, 2011 at the RAM Center in Roscommon, MI – received a paper of moose regarding the population in the area of Marquette, MI and Newberry, MI. Climate changes affect the moose and their longevity in MI which is the lower point for moose populations.
- Baiting sessions are being held by MDNRE this week and the input from MI Citizens and the benefits of baiting vs no baiting.
- EPA Grants are moving along and the budgets and reporting are being worked on by staff.
- Woods Institute BIA sponsored Congressional Briefing Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. in April 2011 information was distributed and reservation deadlines are approaching.
- Hatchery RFQ closed on February 25, 2011 and were reviewed and 7 possible firms are being reviewed and will trim down to 3 possible candidates by the end of the week.
- Beaver Island property update on the cemetery. LTBB requested the land be donated back to the tribe.
- EPA positions are currently posted and will be reviewed until the 25th of March with Human Resource Department.
- Introduction of Lucas Evans, Great Lakes Policy Specialist was present to meet the commission.
- Eagle Management Plan has been sent to BIA representative within our region.
- Bay Harbor is coming to a critical junction moving from EPA to DEQ in the near future and let them know the LTBB would like to stay in the loop regarding the issues at Bay Harbor.
- Turkey season and Walleye season will open up in the next few weeks and the system will be checked out to be sure it is up and running for the opener. Turkey tags will not be required for the season only reporting.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas W. Craven, Natural Resource Director, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

- 2 or of 3 weeks were group patrols and 100's of contacts were made while patrolling (300 – 400)
- Walleye case SSM tribes fishermen had their licenses permanently suspended and one of their daughters applied and received a subsistence license and was granted and these fishermen are fishing with her.
- Burt Mullet Lakes to Charlevoix
- Training in Menominee and groups were formed to identify training and upcoming conferences for the training.

Discussion was held on the cross deputization and what progress has been made with the State of MI.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Conservation Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report – Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart;

- Preparing for upcoming meetings modeling lake trout harvest limits and reports for the Lake MI committee meetings.
- Staff working on the 2010 harvest report and grants that have been approved by the NRC.
- Small projects include, net tying station, cross village launch, the dock in Mackinaw City has had some issues with the sliding of the ice and working with floatation docks to keep this up and working. The dock has developed a lean and will need to be resolved before next winter.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Great Lakes Biologist Written and Verbal Report as presented by Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Inland Wildlife Biologist Report – Max Field, Inland Fisheries Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist

- Meetings / Conference Calls
 - February 21, - 24, 2011
 - Circle of Flight - \$ 25,000
 - Invasive Species - \$ 40,581
 - BIA GLRI Eagle Project - \$ 279,984
 - BIA GLRI Islands Project - \$ 122,623
 - CORA Meeting @ Odawa Casino Hotel – Petoskey, MI
 - February 24, 2011
 - Tribal Biologists Conference Call – Inland Consent Decree Allocation Species
 - March 1, 2011
 - Black Bear, Moose, Sturgeon
 - Northern Inland Lakes Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee Meeting w / MDNRE, LTBB, MSU, TOMWC, Frank Krist, and various lake groups
 - March 7, 2011
 - Inland Consent Decree Fisheries Meeting w/LTBB, MDNRE, MSU, LRB, GTB, SSM, GLIFWC

- March 8, 2011
 - Workplans, Inland Waterway, Methodology, Sturgeon Group, etc.
- Field Activities
 - French Farm Carcass Camera / Bald Eagle Nest Clear-cut Investigation
 - March 2, 2011
 - Water Quality Sampling w/Kira Davis
 - March 3, 2011
 - Waugoshance Point Carcass Camera
 - March 4, 2011
 - Coyote / Fox
- Monitoring
 - Spirit Lake Staff Gauge
 - Checked February 28, 2011
- Reports & Inland Consent Decree Deadlines
 - LTBB Reservation Bald Eagle Management Plan – “Final Draft”
 - E-mailed to Dave Best and Matt Stuber (USFWS) – February 18, 2011
 - Matt Stuber responded on March 8, 2011 – Busy
 - Inland Consent Decree – Wildlife Workplan
 - Due – April 1, 2011

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Wildlife Written and Verbal Report as presented by Max Field, Inland Fisheries Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Environmental Services Report – Douglas W. Craven, Director

- Grants are currently being getting budget work completed – funding for the air monitor does not have funding for this year. The staff within the region has changed and other representatives in the region feel that LTBB does not need the monitor. Still receiving funds for educational purposes and not for the upkeep of the monitors.
- Jackie will start on the Bear River work
- Recycling program will be worked on for improvement on composting program.
- Positions are posted and new positions will be posted in the near future.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary; to approve the Environmental Services Verbal Report as presented by Douglas W. Craven, Director, NRC Commissioner; Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Break at 7:47 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Commissioner's Report – John Keshick III, Commissioner

- Support for commissioner's phone to add texting.
- Motion Land & Reservation
- Motion Army Corp meeting to be held in Traverse City, MI on June 7, 2011.
- Various statutes have been placed on the Legislative calendar for comments and need to be reviewed by the commissioners.
- Berg Lease has been submitted to Executive and will be reviewed at the Land and Reservation committee meeting.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to approve the Commissioner's Verbal Report as presented by John Keshick III, NRC Commissioner; Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Break at 7:27 p.m.

7:28 p.m. Doug Craven, Stephen Lenart, William Parsons and Max Field depart meeting.

7:54 p.m. meeting reconvened

7:54 p.m. Doug Craven and Charles Schofield arrived.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve the NRC Commissioner's phone to include texting; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve commissioners to receive stipend, mileage and per diem for attendance at the Land and Reservation Committee meeting to be held on March 17, 2011; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve commissioners to receive stipend, mileage and per diem for attendance at the Army Corp of Engineers Wetlands meeting to be held on June 7, 2011 in Traverse City, MI; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer; to approve commissioner Daugherty Johnson to receive stipend, mileage, travel and per diem for attendance at the Congressional Briefing Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. on April 11 - 14, 2011; John Keshick III, Commissioner; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve commissioners to receive stipend, mileage and per diem for attendance at the CORA Meeting to be held on March 24, 2011 in Petoskey, MI; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer;; to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m., Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to exit Executive Session at 9:37 p.m., and return to regular session; Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

9:28 p.m. Dexter McNamara, Melvin Kiogima and Gerald Kiogima depart meeting.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve commissioners to receive stipend, mileage and per diem for attendance at the work session for Wetlands Statute and Bells Charter Meeting to be held on March 16, 2011, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

9:45 p.m. Charles Schofield departs meeting.

Discussion was held on Inland License Boundaries on the Great Lakes. Recognize Inland Rules and Regulations for recreational fishing outside of the use of nets. It was determined that the changes will be written up and presented to commissioners by phone poll for approval at a later date.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to approve Commercial Fishermen Safety Equipment Program Application as presented, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 10:04 p.m.

Public Comment closed at 10:05 p.m.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m., Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on March 23, 2011.

Approved:

William McNamara, Secretary

Date